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Change(s) applied to document,

/J.C.J./ 11/28/2011 In claim 3, at line 4, delete "premelting" and insert – pre-melting -- after "conditioning and".

- In claim 5, at line 5, delete "joining" and insert -- bonding -- after "process
 of"
- In claim 21, at line 3, delete "side" after "surface".
- In claim 21, at line 5, delete "side" -- after "surface".
- In claim 21, at line 9, insert -- the -- after "layer of".
- In claim 21, at line 13, insert -- the -- after "layer of".
- CANCEL claims 11-19.

Allowable Subject Matter

 Claims 1-9 and 21-22 are allowed. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The prior art does not teach or suggest a process having all of the limitations of claim 1, including: providing patterned layers of the electrically non-conducting glass paste and the electrically conducting glass paste on said wafer surfaces, wherein the wafers are processed semiconductor wafers having electrically active structures thereon, and thereafter conditioning and pre-melting the electrically non-conducting glass paste and the electrically conducting glass paste, and thereafter bonding the at least two processed semiconductor wafers at a first processing temperature of the electrically non-conducting glass paste and at a second processing temperature of the